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SUBJ: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

REF: A. WARSAW 1042, B. MUNICH 826

1. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE WITH  
RFE MANAGEMENT ON BROADCAST CONTENT, EVEN VIA CONGEN  
MUNICH, AS WOULD HAPPEN IF WE RESPONDED DIRECTLY TO  
REF B, PARA 4. ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR YOU  
TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO BIB IN WASHINGTON.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE RFE BROADCAST IN QUESTION  
(REF A), WE SUGGEST THAT THE TONE OF BOTH PASSAGES  
WE QUOTED COULD HAVE BREACHED ONE OR MORE OF THE "TONE  
AND MANNER" RESTRAINTS LISTED IN PARA (II)(B)(1) OF  
THE GUIDELINES (P. 48 OF BIB 1978 REPORT). MOREOVER,  
IF THE "POLISH 'GANG OF FOUR'" REFERENCE WAS MEANT  
HUMOROUSLY, THE HUMOR SEEMS SOMEWHAT STRAINED. ALSO,  
COMPARING CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE POLISH LEADERSHIP  
TO THE CHINESE GANG OF FOUR, EVEN JOKINGLY, SEEMS  
PRETTY PROVOCATIVE.

3. WE ARE, OF COURSE, AWARE THAT THE PASSAGE CONTAINING  
THE PHRASE "TYPICAL OF INFORMATION POLICY OF THE (OR A)  
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COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT" WAS IN A DIFFERENT CONTEXT.  
PARTICULARLY IF THE INDEFINITE ARTICLE WAS IMPLIED,  
THE PASSAGE SEEMS TO RUN COUNTER TO THE GUIDELINE ON  
AVOIDANCE OF "SWEEPING GENERALIZATIONS" WITH RESPECT  
TO THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM (GUIDELINES, PARA (II) (B) (2),  
BIB 1978 REPORT, P. 48). IN ANY CASE, IT SMACKS OF  
THE GRATUITOUS POLEMICIZING ABOUT WHICH MANY POLISH

LISTENERS TO RFE HAVE COMPLAINED TO US. (SEE OUR  
DECEMBER APPRAISAL TELEGRAM).

3. IF YOU AGREE THAT WE SHOULD NOT ANSWER MUNICH 826  
DIRECTLY AND YOU THINK WE SHOULD SEND IN PARAS 2 AND  
3 ABOVE THROUGH NORMAL TELEGRAPHIC CHANNELS TO THE  
DEPARTMENT, LET US KNOW.

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